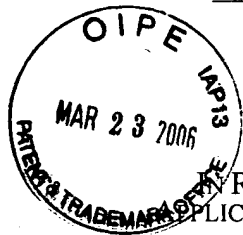


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**Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 to Review a Determination of the Length of
the Patent Term Extension Under 37 C.F.R. §1.701**

MAIL STOP PATENT EXT.
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Determination of Patent Term Extension Under 35 U.S.C. §154(b) mailed **January 23, 2006** in the above-captioned application, Applicant respectfully submits this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 to Review a Determination of the Length of the Patent Term Extension Under 37 C.F.R. §1.701 (hereinafter "Petition") pursuant to *Former* 35 U.S.C. §154(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.701. See MPEP §§2710-2720. This Request is being timely filed prior to payment of the issue fee.

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REMARKS

Based on the facts as set forth in detail below, Applicant respectfully requests that the 537 day Patent Term Extension set forth in the Determination of Patent Term Extension Under 35 U.S.C. §154(b) mailed **January 23, 2006** (hereinafter the "1/23/06 Determination") be adjusted to account for a period of Appellate Review, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.701(a)(3), that was not accounted for in the 1/23/06 Determination.

A. Petition Fee.

Applicant submits that this Petition is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, and that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Petition.

In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, or that the Petition falls under 37 C.F.R. §1.182, Applicant hereby alternatively petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 and authorizes the Director to charge any required fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 027966-0311337).

B. Statement of Facts.

1. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on August 25, 2000.
2. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a Decision reversing the rejections of the Examiner on May 2, 2003.
3. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on May 13, 2004.

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4. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter "BPAI") issued a Decision reversing the rejections of the Examiner on October 31, 2005.

5. The 1/23/06 Determination sets forth a Patent Term Extension of 537 days. This term, as illustrated in the Patent Term Extension History attached hereto as APPENDIX A, accounts for the period of Appellate Review commencing with the filing of the Notice of Appeal by Applicant on May 13, 2004, and ending with the BPAI Decision of October 31, 2005 reversing the rejections of the Examiner.

C. Action Requested.

37 C.F.R. §1.701(c)(3) recites:

The period of delay under paragraph (a)(3) of this section is the sum of the number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the date on which an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences was filed under 35 U.S.C. 134 and ending on the date of a final decision in favor of the applicant by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or by a Federal court in an appeal under 35 U.S.C. 141 or a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145.

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.701(c)(3), Applicant requests that the Patent Term Extension be adjusted to account for the period of Appellate Review beginning with the filing of the Notice of Appeal on **August 25, 2000** (the date on which an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences was filed) and ending with the BPAI Decision of **October 31, 2005** (the date of a final decision in favor of Applicant) reversing the rejections of the Examiner. Since this period exceeds five years, Applicant requests the maximum extension of five years pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.701(b).

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2. To the extent that the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office disagrees with the foregoing interpretation of 37 C.F.R. §1.701(c)(3), Applicant, in the alternative, requests that the Patent Term Extension of 537 days as set forth in the 1/23/06 Determination be adjusted to include the 537 days (from May 13, 2004 to October 31, 2005) plus the period of Appellate Review beginning with the filing of the Notice of Appeal on **August 25, 2000** and ending with the BPAI Decision of **May 2, 2003** (in favor of Applicant) reversing the rejections of the Examiner.

3. Applicant further submits that:

- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.701(a)(3), the patent issuing on the above-captioned application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer;
- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.701(d)(1), no time during either period of Appellate Review identified above occurred prior to three years from the filing date of the above-captioned application; and
- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.701(d)(2), Applicant did not fail to act with due diligence during either period of Appellate Review identified above.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the 537 day Patent Term Extension be adjusted to the maximum of five years, or alternatively, to the sum of: (1) the period of Appellate review from August 25, 2000 to May 2, 2003; and (2) the period of Appellate Review from May 13, 2004 to October 31, 2005.


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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this Request for Reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment Determination. If there are any questions regarding this Request, please do not hesitate to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Date: March 23, 2006

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APPENDIX A

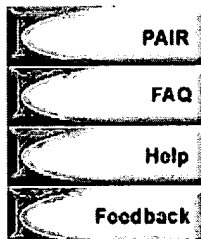
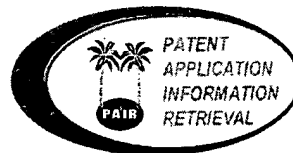
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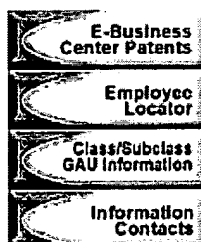


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06-21-2005	Appeal Awaiting BPAI Docketing	↑	
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02-11-2005	Mail Reply Brief Noted by Examiner	↑	
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05-06-2004	Final Rejection		
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04-09-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
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